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Georgia Dot Begins Mowing Activities On 16 Highways In Northwest Georgia

WHAT Georgia DOT's maintenance crews are set to work this week on mowing the roadsides of State Route (SR) 140 and SR 61 in Bartow County; SR 20, SR 372 and SR 5 Business in Cherokee County; SR 156 and SR 1/US 27 in Floyd County; SR 120, SR 8 and SR 1 Business in Haralson County; SR 225 in Murray County; SR 92 in Paulding County; SR 151 and SR 95 in Walker County; and SR 2 and SR 71 in Whitfield County. Work will proceed daily between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

The Georgia DOT maintains more than 750,000 acres of highway right-of-way. That amounts to a lot of grass to mow, brush and weeds to control, and land to maintain. Some of this roadside land is located in the medians of divided highways and the interiors of interchanges. GDOT has developed a responsive roadside management program that benefits many. Some of the major benefits of this program include fewer accidents by GDOT mowers on dangerous slopes; reduced mowing saves money for tax payers and GDOT; pleasing roadside appearance; less erosion of roadsides; and restricts growth of unwanted vegetation. GDOT spends approximately \$44 million annually on mowing and litter pickup. It is done for safety, vegetation control, improved drainage, and aesthetic reasons.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 2 through Friday, June 5, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

WHERE Bartow County: SR 140 and SR 61
Cherokee County: SR 20, SR 372 and SR 5 Business
Floyd County: SR 156 and SR 1/US 27
Haralson County: SR 120, SR 8 and SR 1 Business
Murray County : SR 225
Paulding County: SR 92
Walker County: SR 151 and SR 95
Whitfield County: SR 2 and SR 71

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